

REMARKS

This is a full response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated August 27, 2004.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment states that the Applicant's Amendment of July 21, 2004 did not provide the text for withdrawn claim 23. In response, the Applicant provides the above Corrected Amendments to Claims Section to replace the "Amendments to Claims" section of Application's July 21, 2004 Amendment in its entirety. The Corrected Amendments to Claims includes the full text of withdrawn claim 23, as required by the Notice.

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CONCLUSION

With this Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, and the re-submission of claims in the Corrected Amendments to Claims contained herein, the Applicant has made an earnest and bona fide effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. In view of the discussions provided in July 21, 2004 Amendment, it is clear that the cited art, individually or in combination, does not teach all of the elements of any claim of the present invention. Thus, the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of all of claims 1-22 and 26-27 is believed to be in order, and an early Notice of Allowance to this effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (310) 712-8311. The undersigned attorney can normally be reached Monday through Friday from about 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Pacific Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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